

SF446 Section 50
Task Force on Elder Abuse Prevention and Intervention.

1. The department on aging shall continue a task force on elder abuse prevention and intervention to continue the work of the elder abuse task force established pursuant to 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1056. The task force shall include representatives of the department on aging, the office of long-term care resident's advocate, the department of human services, the department of inspections and appeals, the department of public health, the office of the attorney general, the department of veterans affairs, the department of public safety, the insurance division of the department of commerce, a county attorney's office with experience in prosecuting elder abuse, the superintendent of banking, the courts, the elder law section of the Iowa state bar association, and other affected stakeholders. The task force shall form workgroups as necessary to address the specific recommendations.
2. The task force shall review the report of the elder abuse task force submitted in December 2012, develop an implementation plan for the recommendations, and make any additional recommendations as necessary. The implementation plan and additional recommendations shall address all of the following: a. The design of the comprehensive approach to elder abuse prevention and intervention in the state utilizing the prevention of elder abuse program pursuant to section 231.56A and the office of substitute decision maker pursuant to chapter 231E. The design shall also address all of the following:
 - (1) Harmonization of the approach design with the existing dependent adult abuse system pursuant to chapter 235B, including but not limited to standardized training, collaboration between the elder abuse approach and the department of human services when a report of dependent adult abuse involves an older individual, and the membership of multidisciplinary teams.
 - (2) Incorporation of the approach design into other existing and developing components of the system including the area agencies on aging, the mental health and disability services regions, local public health departments, the local offices of the department on human services, the courts, and other appropriate entities, to most effectively and efficiently address the needs of older individuals. b. The definition of elder abuse to be used in the approach to elder abuse. The task force shall address continued use of the definition of "elder abuse" as specified under the federal Older Americans Act and utilized by the prevention of elder abuse program under section 231.56A, or shall provide a specific alternative definition. c. The designation of a single point of contact to report elder abuse. The task force shall specifically address utilizing the aging and disability resource center network as the single point of contact. d. The means of addressing financial exploitation of older individuals, including those relating to powers of attorney and conservatorships as described in the 2012 task force report. e. Promotion of public awareness of elder abuse and the services and support available to older individuals at risk of or experiencing elder abuse. f. Any specific changes in statute and rules necessary to achieve the recommendations of the task force.
3. The task force shall submit a progress report to the elder abuse prevention and intervention legislative interim committee established pursuant to this Act for review, by October 31, 2013,

and shall submit a final report of its recommendations and proposed legislation following approval by the legislative interim committee to the governor and the general assembly no later than December 31, 2013.

Sec. 51. LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE.

The legislative council is requested to establish a legislative interim committee on elder abuse prevention and intervention for the 2013 legislative interim to monitor the progress of, and provide direction to, the task force on elder abuse prevention and intervention created in this Act. The legislative committee shall review the progress report and approve the final report of the task force and shall submit the committee's recommendations and a final report to the general assembly following completion of the committee's work.

Sec. 52. PILOT PROJECT — GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP MONITORING.

The department on aging shall collaborate with the national health law and policy resource center at the university of Iowa college of law to establish a three-year pilot project to train, recruit, and oversee volunteers to assist the courts in monitoring guardianships and conservatorships and to provide assistance to guardians and conservators. The pilot project shall be implemented initially in the sixth judicial district. The pilot project shall be utilized to establish a basis for an ongoing guardianship and conservatorship monitoring and assistance program administered through the department on aging.

The department on aging shall submit an annual report to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports. The annual report shall include the objectives and results for the pilot project year, how the funds allocated were utilized in meeting the pilot project's objectives, the number of individuals served, the types of services provided, any other sources of funding utilized or identified as available for the pilot project, and the continuing needs of the pilot project.

Sec. 53. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. The section of this division of this Act establishing a task force on elder abuse prevention, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.